

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Szoke – Impact Christian Church.

Mr. Hardaway asked for a moment of silence for the recent tragedies in which Police Officers lost their lives in the line of duty.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mr. Minchuk was absent. All other members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated February 13, 2018. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2018. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Spires opened and read the project bid for the furnishing of town wide collection and disposal of residential refuse and recycling. Mr. Pettit made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Ms. Uzelac seconded the motion to take the bid under advisement. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Spires opened and read the project bid for the furnishing of (3) 2018 single axle dump trucks with snow removal equipment. Mr. Pettit made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Ms. Uzelac seconded the motion to take the bid under advisement. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Spires opened and read the project bid for the furnishing of (2) 19,500 lb. payload dump trucks with snow removal equipment. Mr. Pettit made a motion to accept the bid. Ms. Uzelac seconded the motion to accept the bid. Discussion followed. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Pettit made mention of a letter received from Walsh and Kelly extending the road rehabilitation contract for the year 2018 with a rate that was accepted in 2014 contract. Mr. Pettit made motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hardaway acknowledges the excellent job Public Works employees did with keeping up with the large amount of snowfall. Some discussion followed.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac commented on about a recent bill that was passed in January regarding daycare centers. The bill gives our local authorities permission to investigate any reports involving weapons or problems at daycare centers giving the State the power to shut down these daycares. Mr. Hardaway made note of provisions in place for daycare centers applying for a business license in the town of Merrillville, which requires all daycares applying for a license to have a background check done.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca had no report. Mr. Pettit addressed Ms. Orlich about graffiti that was reported on a tunnel located on I-65 and requested that someone check it out.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Barron had no report. Mr. Lake spoke about the bid received from Dyer Construction for Independence Street Drainage Improvement Project being taken under advisement.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit mentioned there will be a Redevelopment Commission meeting next Tuesday at 6:00p.m

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway read a report from code enforcement as of January they had tagged 88 cars that were parked on the street during the snowfall. As of February they tagged 152 making a total of 240 cars in addition to having 25 cars towed. Mr. Hardaway reminded residents not to have any vehicles parked on the streets if more than 2 inches of snowfall. These cars will be towed at owner's expense.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 18-02: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County Indiana, authorizing the repayment of temporary loans. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Res. 18-03: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County Indiana, encumbering monies from the 2017 budget into the 2018 year. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

Petitioner: Rays Movers/Jonathan Dewitt
Owner: JDCD Properties
Request: Special exception approval
Purpose: Proposed moving company/Indoor outdoor storage
Location: 6707 Broadway
Zoning: C-3, Highway Commercial
Case #: Z1E1-0118

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Petitioner: Rays Movers/Jonathan Dewitt
Owner: JDCD Properties
Request: Variance of use approval
Purpose: Proposed moving company/Indoor outdoor storage
Location: 6707 Broadway
Zoning: C-3, Highway Commercial
Case #: Z2uV1-0018

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Petitioner: Tuff Shed
Owner: Joan L. Krueger Living Trust
Request: Special exception approval
Purpose: Outdoor shed display
Location: 1303 West Lincoln Highway
Zoning: C-3, Highway Commercial
Case #: Z5E3-0118

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Environmental Resource Committee meeting, February 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
Town Hall Offices Closed February 19, 2018 in observance of President's Day.
(except for Emergency Services)
Plan Commission meeting, February 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.